

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**  
**Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 20, 2017 \* 8:15 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via conference call on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members participating:

**Board Members Present:**

Jody Whisenant, O.D. – President  
Jerry Prchal, O.D. – Vice President  
Larry Brown, O.D.  
Robert McCullough, O.D.  
Karen Canupp, O.D.  
Betty Ann Lindsey, Consumer Member

**Staff Present**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Linsey Brookins, BSS, HC-1

**Attorney General's Office**

Wylencia Monroe, Esq., Asst. Attorney General

Dr. Whisenant, President, established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

**Agenda:** Approve with additional items:

- Federal Subpoena – Carlos M. Llabres OPT001480

**Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:**

- Chitra Sankaran – Rule 345-4-.02

**Recommendation:**

Grant upon receipt of medical documentation from treatment physician

**Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Brown seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for C. Sankaran subject to the receipt of supporting medical documentation from her treatment physician and to accept the CE hours already obtained and submitted. None opposed, motion carried**

**Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. Brown seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and 43-1-2(k) for the purpose of receiving the advice of legal counsel. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Whisenant, Prchal, Brown, Canupp, McCullough, and Lindsey.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, November 20, 2017, Dr. Whisenant declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken in the closed session.**

**Open Records Request:**

- Carlos M. Llabres - OPT001480

**Recommendation:**

Approve; Release documents requested in Subpoena.

**Dr. Brown moved, Dr. Prchal seconded and the Board voted to approve the release of documents requested in Federal Subpoena to the requesting authority. None opposed, motion carried.**

**There being no further business for discussion, Dr. Brown, moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the conference call Board meeting was adjourned at 8:36 a.m.**

Following the Board Meeting, Dr. Prchal and Dr. Brown requested to remain on the call with the Board's Executive Director and Legal Counsel for the purpose of discussing renewal procedures, CE Audits. After discussion, the committee adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

**Minutes recorded by:**

Linsey Brookins, BSS, HC-1

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

**DR. JODY WHISENANT**

President

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**

Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: **February 7, 2018**